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In re Patent Application of:
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING
MULTIPLE ANASTOMOSES

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated August 28, 2009, for which a response was due on November 28, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), when a filing deadline in the Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday in the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.